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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MILITARY BUDGET COMMITTEE (MBC) TO US

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-- B. USNATO 4324

1. OSD HAS ADVISED ARMY (DESIGNATED EXECUTIVE AGENT) TO CANCEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER VISIT.
2. ON YOUR PROPOSAL FOR A MORE COMPREHENSIVE TRIP IN THE SPRING OF NEXT YEAR, WE ANTICIPATE FACING AT THAT TIME THE SAME DIFFICULTIES AS RECENTLY EXPERIENCED. DOD POLICY PRECLUDES USE OF SPECIAL MISSION AIRCRAFT FOR THIS PURPOSE. ANY REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION MUST INCLUDE SPECIFIC RATIONALE AND JUSTIFICATION FOR VISITING EACH MILITARY INSTALLATION OUTSIDE THE NORFOLK/WASHINGTON AREA. RATIONALE INCLUDED IN REF B IS NOT ADEQUATE. EVEN WITH A BETTER JUSTIFICATION,
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WE JUDGE CHANCES FOR APPROVAL AS MINIMAL.

3. IF THE MBC WISHES TO VISIT THE US NEXT YEAR, REQUEST FOR THE VISIT SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AT LEAST TWO MONTHS PRIOR TO THE PROPOSED DATE, SO WE CAN OBTAIN NECESSARY APPROVAL AND DESIGNATE AN EXECUTIVE AGENT. WHILE WE ARE PREPARED TO LOOK INTO THE POSSIBILITIES FOR A LONGER TRIP, WE WOULD

WANT TO KNOW AT THAT TIME WHETHER THE MBC WOULD BE WILLING TO ACCEPT A MORE LIMITED TRIP, ALONG LINES RECENTLY APPROVED. ON THE LATTER BASIS, IF THE MBC WISHES TO VISIT THE US LATER THIS CALENDAR YEAR, WE ANTICIPATE DIFFICULTY IN RESCHEDULING THE APPROVAL ALREADY RECEIVED
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